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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE AND NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN FAO

1. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM INVITED THE FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, AND PROTOCOL OFFICER TO LUNCH ON MAY 6. NORTH VIETNAMESE INDICATED THAT THE PLEBISCITE HAD RESULTED IN MERGING THE TWO VIETNAMESE REGIMES AND THAT THE COMBINED REGIME WISHED TO BE ACTIVE IN FAO. IT REMAINS FOR THE NEW VIETNAMESE REGIME TO INFORM THE FAO OF THE MERGER OF THE TWO REGIMES AND STATE ITS DESIRES - ESPECIALLY TO ENTER FAO AS A SUCCESSOR STATE TO THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAM STATE. THIS WILL PRESUMBL Y COME FORTH FOR THE FAO COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY.

2. NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA COMMUNICATED WITH THE FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL DURING HIS RECENT VISIT IN GENEVA. BECAUSE THEY WERE UNABLE TO MEET IN GENEVA, THE NORTH KOREANS SAID THEY WOULD COME TO ROME. NOTHING FURTHER HAS BEEN HEARD RECENTLY. FAO PLANS TO EXTEND A FEELER, THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACTS RATHER THAN OFFICIAL CHANNELS, TO DETERMINE WHEN THE NORTH KOREANS PLAN TO COME TO ROME. VOLPE

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